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Fax from Robert Beiser to Michael Smialek of a letter from Kevin Rhodes to Robert Beiser dated 2/25/2000.

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Dear Mr. Beiser.

I write on behalf of Andersen Consulting LLP in response to Mike Sminlek's letter, dated February 9, 2000, to L. Keith Stephens, Esq. I understand that you are representing Mr. Sminlek in connection with the matter discussed in his February 9th letter.

We understand that our respective clients are involved in discussions aimed at resolving this matter. In addition, we are reviewing the assertions made in Mr. Smielek's letter, and we will respond to you in due course. Please direct future correspondence concerning this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

Kevin H. Rhodes

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cc: L. Keith Stephens, Esq. (via facsimile) Vicki St. John, Esq. (via facsimile)

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